## STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; Wisconsin women have long played an important role in Wisconsin's agricultural community, including our growing organic industry, and in the conservation of our land; and

WHEREAS; according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, women make up approximately 35 percent of all agricultural producers in our state, representing a 16 percent increase in women producers since the 2012 census; and

WHEREAS; with more than 1,500 organic farms, our state is a national leader in organic farming; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's women farmers place a high priority on educating kids about family farms, where our food comes from, and the importance of stewarding our land; and

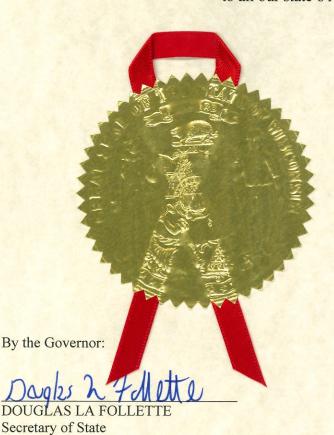
WHEREAS; the inspiring stories behind our women farmers are far too often overlooked, making it difficult for young women who are interested in farming to find role models and discover the full range of career options available; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins women farmers across our state in celebrating the essential contributions they make to our sustainable and organic agricultural communities and to the prosperity of our agriculture industry as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 1 – 7, 2022, as

## WISCONSIN WOMEN IN SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR